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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment on frozen 8-12 lb. hens was steady to mostly fully steady with some sellers in the West not as confident as the balance of the country, 12-16 lb. hens were steady with instances of increased confidence noted on 12-14 lb. sizes, toms steady at best. Frozen demand light, fresh light to fair for November holiday needs. Whole turkey trading centered on a moderate volume of open priced fresh with price ceilings noted on hens at 74-78 and toms 68-76 cents delivered for November. Frozen trading light. Frozen packer label offerings of 8-12 lb. hens light. Frozen 12-14 lb. hen supplies ranged adequate to fully adequate with some inventories moving into better balance due in part to sales tie-ins with 8-12 lb. sizes, 14-16 lb. hens fully adequate. Consumer sized packer label tom offerings were mixed, mostly adequate to fully adequate. Frozen private label whole turkey offerings were limited. Plant grade 4-8 lb. breast trading moderate, balance of parts and meats light.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on moderate volumes of tom drums and tom 2-joint wings. Light inquiry was noted from Asia, Mexico and Russia. Interest was noted from Russia for Tetracycline free product and some caution was noted for Mexico due to the implementation of new import rules next week.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 08, 2002**

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FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-71	65-69	67.40	100	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 8 OCTOBER 2002.

The market was slow on bulk parts with trading consisting mostly of spot and part loads. The market was strong on hen 2-joint wings with some increased confidence noted on hen drums and hen full-cut wings, balance mostly steady. Offerings ranged from tight and held with confidence on hen 2-joint wings to sometimes fully adequate on tom drums and necks. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on institutional breasts with 12-16 lb. sizes in the strongest position. Demand was active with Grade A non-basted 12-16 sizes with trading at 108 and 16-20 lb. sizes at 105 cents delivered. Plant grade non-basted breasts traded at 95 delivered on 8-10 lb, 98 on 10-12 lb., and 100 cents delivered on 14-16 lb. sizes. Some drumettes traded at 21 cents delivered. Domestic and export trading was light on all items. Export demand was slow as industry personnel wait for permits from Mexico and watch the dock strike on the West Coast for further developments.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	91.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	2
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	19.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	19.67	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	17
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.00		30.00	11
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	53.00		53.00	19
NECKS, TOM	14.00-15.00		14.46	46
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	188.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	184.16	250
THIGH MEAT		F	53.78	73
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	58.00	50
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	88.00	15
SCAPULA MEAT		M	79.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	114.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	139.57	23
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	58.00		58.00	6
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	16.00	10
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	F	22.00	120	
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	R	16.00	52	
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.00	54.00	80	

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	64
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-73

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	98-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	84-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	84-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	84-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	103-105

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 9 OCTOBER 2002.

The undertone on tom breast meat was barely steady, destrapped tenderloins steady on fresh to barely steady on frozen, fresh wing meat fully steady and frozen steady to instances weak, and scapula was fully steady. Fresh white meat demand was active on wing meat, balance light to fair. Offerings of fresh wing meat were tight, tom breast meat adequate to fully adequate, destrapped tenderloins at least adequate, and scapula was offered at higher trending prices. Frozen white meat demand sluggish with most buyers bidding lower. Domestic trading centered on tom full-cut wings at steady to higher trending price levels and on plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts. Export trading centered on moderate volumes of tom drums for October-November shipments and on tom 2-joint wings. Fresh wing meat traded at 59-60 and frozen ground thigh trim at 25 cents delivered domestic.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	89.00-92.00		90.62	520
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	22.00	2
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	19.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	19.00-20.00		19.41	98
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	21.00-24.00		22.69	323
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	22.00		22.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	31.00		31.00	26
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	52.00-56.00		53.24	116
NECKS, TOM	14.00-15.00		14.20	100
NECKS, HEN	14.00		14.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	188.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	188.00		188.00	32
THIGH MEAT		F	53.78	73
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	58.00		58.00	6
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	88.00	15
SCAPULA MEAT		M	79.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	116.00		116.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	139.57	23
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	51.00		51.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00		18.00	15

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00-20.00		19.15	520
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00-24.00		23.78	468
TAILS	15.00		15.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	16.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	54.00	80

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 10/09/02

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

ACCUMULATED

SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2002-2003	-	129,542	129,842
2001-2002	--	126,107	126,407